

Vessel Speed Reduction (VSR) Incentive Trial 2014 For the Santa Barbara Channel

OVERALL GOAL FOR A VSR PROGRAM

Slow vessel speeds to reduce air pollution and help protect endangered whales in the Santa Barbara Channel.

GOAL OF TRIAL

Develop the foundation for a larger-scale program by providing the opportunity to assess shipping industry participation and test and refine verification and incentive mechanisms.

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATING

Identify a large ocean-going container ship in your fleet that does the following:

- **Transits the Santa Barbara Channel (see map and coordinates) between July and October 2014.**
- **Has maintained an average speed through the Channel of 14 knots or greater for the past six months.**
- **Will maintain a consistent speed of 12 knots through this area without speeding up at other points in its route.**
- **Participates in the Port of Los Angeles and/or Port of Long Beach VSR program.**



IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

- A financial incentive of \$2,000 to \$3000 per transit is under consideration.
- Participants commit to the program with a letter of agreement or similar type agreement.
- Verification through AIS analysis and baseline data on fuel use from port to port to ensure significant speed up is not occurring elsewhere on the route.
- Public relations campaign coordinated with project leads and participants.

PROJECT LEADS AND PARTICIPANTS

Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Environmental Defense Center and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

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